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### COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR COMPRESSION BRAKES

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to support establishing a county ordinance for excessively noisy engine compression brakes.

**WHEREAS**, many county subdivisions cluster along highways leading into congested urban and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, truck traffic loading and dropping off freight and supplies is a continual occurrence in these rural areas and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, often the trucks are not equipped with a muffler in good working condition to prevent excessive noises from the engine's compression brake device; and

**WHEREAS**, this excessive noise continually during the day and night hours have a very negative effect on the resident's peace and quiet; and

**WHEREAS**, this nature of noise pollution is encouraging the use of signage and, where applicable, fines and forfeitures to curtail the noise problem.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties will seek legislation to allow for the establishment of a county ordinance for excessively noisy engine compression brakes. The resolution will give county governments the ability to apply fines and forfeitures for violation of the established ordinance. Currently, the state Department of Transportation uses "MCA 61-9-321 – Engine compression brake device – use" to allow for the placement of signs in targeted areas and enable law enforcement to enforce the regulation.

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